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Huge increase in grass fires alarms New Brockton officials

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council showed concern Monday evening, Mar. 4, over an alarming number of fires that occurred during the month of February.

New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert said the fire department responded to 17 grass fires during the month of February, and he said an alarming matter was that 12 of those grass fires occurred within a one week time period.

"Up until Saturday, Feb. 23, there had been six grass fires in February," Gilbert said. "Then from that Saturday to this past Saturday (March 2), there were 12 grass fires and one house fire."

He said he had spoken with the fire marshal, and the investigation has led authorities to believe that the fires are an act of arson.

"We don't need these many fires," said Gilbert. "The fire

department was running ragged there for a while."

He said his department is being assisted by the forestry department, the agriculture department and the sheriff's department in finding the person(s) responsible for the fires.

"Hopefully, we'll get these stopped," he said.

Damages from the fires include lost hay, burned acreage and a total loss on the unoccupied home which burned last Saturday.

Council member Ron McMonagle told Gilbert that he had heard of the Town of Arton having a similar problem with arson recently, and he said it might be a good idea for the chief to check with the Arton police to see if the incidents could be related.

Mayor Charles Cole told those in attendance that the Alabama Forestry Commission had released a flier on Monday offering a \$5,000 reward to anyone who can provide informa-

tion that will lead to the capture and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the fires in New Brockton.

On a lighter note, members of the New Brockton Police Department and reserve officers were commended for their efforts during the Monday evening meeting.

Cole presented Gilbert and his department with a plaque from the State of Alabama commending the department and its officers for the work they did with last year's seat belt campaign. "Click It or Ticket." The mayor also presented the chief with a certificate from the Town of New Brockton, and he thanked the officers for their continued efforts in enhancing the quality of life in New Brockton and the State of Alabama by enforcing the use of safety belts and helping to reduce the number of crashes.

Afterwards, Captain Dale Grimes of the New Brockton Police Department presented 10 reserve officers with certi-

ficates. He thanked the reserve officers for the assistance they provided the Town of New Brockton by helping with the license check points conducted during the seat belt campaign.

"I appreciate the reserve officers, and I couldn't ask for a better staff to work with on these projects," Grimes said.

The mayor and council members concurred with Grimes and also thanked the reserves for

their assistance.

In other business, the council:

- * Approved a motion to submit the letter accepting the sidewalk grant to the state offices.
- * Approved a resolution authorizing the town to submit an application for a grant to assist in obtaining a van for the senior citizen's center.
- * Approved a motion to finance the town's long term debt for three years fixed at six

percent and ballooned out over 15 years. This includes the purchase of a new police car with the understanding to set aside \$900 in the general fund to pay the annual debt.

The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber at the New Brockton Town Hall. The water board will meet on the same evening at 5:30 p.m.



New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole (left) presents a plaque to the New Brockton Police Department commending the department for its efforts with last year's statewide seat belt campaign. The officers pictured from left include Police Chief Jerry Gilbert, Captain Dale Grimes, Lt. William King and Officer Danny Richards. Afterwards, the department recognized 10 reserve officers for their assistance.

Elba residents encouraged to join "A New You in '02"

The Coffee County Extension Office is embarking on a way to improve the health and well-being of the people of Elba and Coffee County through "A New You in '02."

This health initiative campaign will kickoff Monday, March 11, and continue through Sunday, May 5. The objective is to focus on educating the citizens of Coffee County on the benefits of staying fit for life through good nutrition and proper exercise.

"Our goal is to raise the level of awareness so citizens of Coffee County will realize that healthy eating and exercise are key components to good health," said Sandra Coffey, who, along with Dr. Robert Hamblough, is co-chairing the event. "The steering committee would like to see people in their workplace or their civic organizations form teams of eight members and keep track of their progress in terms of exercise or other health measures."

In Elba, friends and co-workers at several businesses have created teams and are working

to become healthier. Throughout the duration of the program, the citizens of Elba and Coffee County will have the opportunity to learn more about how to improve their health through such events as "Lunch with the Doctor" and a Heart Healthy cooking school. In addition, various gyms in the area will offer exercise classes at no charge.

Activities planned for Elba include supervised fitness pro-

grams at Mike's Gym each Thursday (5:30-7 p.m.) during the eight-week period of the health initiative. And, for those who enjoy a brisk walk, distance markers will be placed around the square, school complex and the recreation center. The recreation center will be open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, for those who prefer to

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Elba Police Dept. arrests second suspect in armed robbery case

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department announced Monday, Mar. 4, the arrest of a second suspect in connection to the Feb. 19 robbery of an Elba man.

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said Nicholas Hines was arrested by the Opp Police Department and turned over to the Elba Police Department on a warrant for his arrest. Hines was charged with Robbery - First

Degree. Whitworth said the arrest of Hines is the result of an ongoing investigation into the Feb. 19 armed robbery which occurred at the residence of Marcus Tillis. During the incident, approximately \$3,900 in cash and a Sony Playstation 2 were taken. Also, the victim received bodily harm. According to Whitworth, the victim recognized one suspect and signed a warrant for his arrest. That suspect, Otis Daniels, was arrested and charged in the matter on Friday, Feb. 22.

As the investigation continued, evidence found at the crime scene led officers to Hines; therefore, a warrant was obtained for his arrest. Whitworth said Hines was placed in the Coffee County Jail where his bond was set at \$15,000.

The investigation into this matter continues.

NOTICE

The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, Mar. 12, at Barb-B-Que Etc., formerly J&T's BBQ in New Brockton at 6 p.m. (dutch treat).

Democratic Candidates in Coffee County may pick up qualifying packets at this meeting or at the Law Office of J.E. Sawyer Jr., Enterprise.

The last day a candidate may qualify will be Friday, April 5.

Elba man arrested by ABC agents following search

An ongoing investigation of the Alabama Beverage Control (ABC) board into the illegal possession and manufacturing of methamphetamine resulted in the arrest of an Elba man last weekend.

According to ABC agent Jack Farmer, agents from the ABC board were assisted Saturday, March 2, by the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration and Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in executing a search warrant at the residence of Paul

David Carr, 42, of 291 County Road 359, Elba.

Upon inspection of the residence, Farmer said the agents recovered over 50 firearms, five sticks of dynamite and blasting caps, several grams of methamphetamine and over \$4,500 in U.S. currency.

With a dangerous situation at hand, the officers acquired the assistance of the Dothan Police Department Explosives Ordinance Disposal Unit to handle the explosives and assist in the search of the residence.

Farmer said Carr was arrested and charged with Possession

of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine). Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess a Pistol and Possession of Marijuana II. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail where cash bonds totaling \$42,000 were set. Other charges are pending as the investigation into the incident continues.

Also, Farmer said the arrest is only part of the ongoing investigation by the named agencies into the illegal possession and manufacturing of methamphetamine. Other arrests are anticipated as the investigation unfolds.

Hot water heater guilty of flood at Coffee County Jail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Things got a bit wet at the Coffee County Jail last Thursday evening, Feb. 28, after a hot water heater exploded causing parts of the jail to flood.

Coffee County Jail Administrator Zack Ennis said the flooding was caused by a hot water heater in the ceiling that exploded after a malfunction with the motor.

As the leaking water found cracks to seep through, it made its way into rooms such as the central control room, jail corridors and day room. However, he said no prisoners had to be evacuated from the facility because

of the water damage, although, lots of mopping was required.

Ennis said damage was sustained to the phone system which had to be replaced, and he is still waiting to see if the computer system received any damage. He said the computer equipment had not been put back in the control room as of Tuesday afternoon in an effort to give the county's maintenance department adequate time to fix the problem to avoid further complications.

"I've been told today (Tuesday, Mar. 5) that the problem has been fixed," Ennis said. "The hot water heater now has a safety valve on it which will

allow the system to shut itself down if the water does not flow properly."

On a positive note, Ennis said security was not threatened during the incident as the locking system received no damage and worked correctly throughout the incident. Had the locking system been affected, he said the correctional officers would have been able to manually lock the facility with keys.

With the problem seemingly fixed, Ennis said the equipment can now be returned to its proper location, and the his department can check to see if any additional damages were caused by the water.



BREAKFAST DRAWS CROWD...Despite rainy weather conditions, the citizens of Elba and the surrounding communities showed their support for the Elba Lions Club on Saturday, March 2, for the annual Pancake Breakfast event. Often lines throughout the morning, a long line of citizens could be found waiting patiently to be served by the club members. Above, Lion club member Gene Eastburn flips the famous pancakes with a smile as several of the attendees wait to be served. The annual event serves as a major fund raising campaign for the Elba Lions Club.

Area Happenings

COUNTY BOE The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. at the BOE office in Elba.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a countywide legislative breakfast on Friday, March 8, at 7:30 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. The public is invited to attend and hear Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Holley give an update on what's happening in Montgomery.

COUNTY COMMISSION The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, March 11, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

ELBA ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION Kindergarten registration for Elba is March 21 and 22, 2002.

BOOK DRIVE The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library programs of at-risk schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and ZC Express. The book drive will continue through March.

SCHOOLS

Proration creates concern for school future

Editorial by Brittany Daniels

This 2001-2002 school year, the Elba City School System celebrates its 100th birthday. The EHS Journalism and Yearbook Staff have been working hard to make this the best year for the faculty and students, especially the seniors. Day after day these students focus many hours on putting things together just right. Why?

Proration is the process of cutting programs when revenue is short of expectations. It has been declared 14 times since 1949, and Governor Siegelman seems to believe that the proration problems are tied to our old constitution. Here and at neighboring schools, school administrators are cutting teachers, thus making the students' classes larger. We have some classes this year with 30+ students (English, math, science). How large will the classes be when they cut 5-10 teachers? It is hard enough to concentrate in large classes like it is. What will happen when we have 35-40 students in one class?

True or False: "Because of proration and reduced state funding for 2002, we must make adjustments by increasing class size in some areas."

AEA's Position: "False Proration did not change the Foundation Law. This law provides teacher and other local school personnel based on student enrollment. The budget will provide ALL the teachers required under this law."

Therefore, why are all the people losing jobs? There is a good possibility that the Elba City School System could be closed next year. The state school board has recommended that our school along with four others be closed for lack of economic resources. As a student and a senior I am personally heartbroken at the thought. I have attended Elba City Schools my entire school career, and to think after I graduate there will be no school to come home and visit does not even seem real. Why work so hard to make my last year the best when there is a chance that my memories of my school will only be that memories?

Think of all the students here in Elba who will have to relocate and attend different schools. Making a change like that is not easy, especially for the upcoming seniors of next year. After striving all the years toward getting a diploma from Elba High, these students will have only been dreaming. They will have to graduate with a lot of people who would not even know their name.

Students and community review school system

by Katie Grimes

This year, Elba City Schools are once again facing the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation. Every five years, the system undergoes an evaluation in order to find ways to improve the learning experience and quality of education provided by Elba Schools. Committees consisting of faculty members, students, parents, and community members are given the tasks of reviewing responses to the accreditation system and to construct

a plan to better it in order to receive SACS accreditation. One of the earliest phases of this process is a survey. A survey ranging from topics such as quality of the instructional program, support for student learning, school climate/environment for learning, and student activities/involvement in school is given to randomly selected students, parents, and community members. The survey allows them to rate how well they feel Elba Schools measure up to their standards. After completing the survey, those selected

School spirit, learning the alma mater, growing with the same classmates, having a small class, and being a true "ELBA TIGER" amounts to nothing anymore.

I pray that our school does not close next year. Attending this school and growing up in this atmosphere has taught me so much. I would hate to see other students miss out on the opportunity.

were also given the chance to express any other concerns, opinions, and recommendations for school improvement.

The information provided by the results of the survey will be organized by a committee. Mrs. Julie Norris, Profile Committee chair, explains, "Our goal is to develop a school improvement plan which will hopefully enable us to improve the quality of our educational programs."

This process, which started in early February, will take a year to complete, ending in February 2003.

EHS planning eighth grade parents night

Elba High School will have 8th grade Parents Night Monday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning their child's education for grades 9-12. Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.

Please make every effort to attend.

CENTENNIAL EDITION

The Elba High School journalism staff is seeking photos from the early years of Elba High for a special centennial edition of the Elba Clipper. Anyone with candid pictures from 1902-1998 and would like to contribute needs to contact Julie Norris at the high school at 897-2122.

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Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Kimberly Fariss

This week's elementary school spotlight is focused on Kim Gibson.

Mrs. Gibson graduated from Enterprise High School and later attended Troy State University. Her past teaching experience includes two years at Enterprise Christian Academy and two years as a JTPA instructor with the State of Alabama. She has now been at Elba Elementary for five years and teaches 5th grade language arts and social studies.

Mrs. Gibson and her husband Tim have two children, Haile and Leah. She claims that she loves John Wayne movies and always reads the end of a book first. In her spare time, Mrs. Gibson attends her daughters' softball games, reads, and chauffeurs for kids.

When asked what inspired her



Kim Gibson

to become a teacher, Mrs. Gibson said, "I was assistant librarian for College Street Elementary School while I was in high school. I realized then I wanted to teach at the elementary level."

If Mrs. Gibson could no longer be a teacher, she would want to be a stay-at-home mom who has a live-in maid.

Students participate in Math-A-Thon

by Brittany Daniels

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by Danny Thomas, a late entertainer who believed that "no child should be left in the dawn of life." St. Jude was opened in 1962. The faculty at St. Jude work hard to provide care for childhood illnesses. Through research and treatment, they search for cures to catastrophic diseases common to children. The hospital is sup-

ported primarily by funds from volunteer contributions raised by ALSAC, American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities.

This year at Elba High School, two students have raised money through the Math-A-Thon for St. Jude. The combined efforts of Chase Boutwell and Antwon Tillis have helped to donate money to the hospital. Chase received a free T-shirt, and both boys have helped St. Jude continue its work for children.



WORKING TOGETHER...The Career/Technical Programs at Elba High School are constantly working to improve the relationship between education and the business world. Recently, the Advisory Board for the Elba High School Career/Technical Program hosted several business, school and political officials in an effort to keep everyone informed of the happenings at Elba High School. The purpose of the advisory board is to allow the school system and business world to work together and help one another as technology advances. During the evening, those in attendance were updated on the school's situation and need for the support of the community as education continues to struggle during the time of proration. Also, officials from MacArthur State Technical College were in attendance and updated the group on the relationship between the college and Elba. An impressive point included the fact that Elba High School continues, year after year, to be one of the strongest scholarship recipient schools for MacArthur. Above, guests of the automotive technology department take a tour of the facility. Those pictured include (from left): Don Pruitt, Larry Goodson - automotive technology instructor at EHS, Barry Giles, Harris Davis, Lloyd Daniels and Bill Burkett.

Elba Band Boosters presents "Musical Chairs, a Chair-ity Auction"

The Elba High School Band Boosters will hold its annual Band Day on Saturday, April 6, 2002, in downtown Elba. Band Day is an event held to raise money which goes to supplement the music program at Elba High School and to fund activities for the band. An auction is held annually, with the items which are auctioned off being generously donated by local merchants and individual band supporters.

As an addition to this year's auction, there will be a separate auction called "Musical Chairs." The Band Boosters are asking for donations of creatively decorated chairs to be auctioned as an additional fundraiser for the band. This chair can be in any form, including children's rockers, table and chairs, stools, swings, bar stools, or any other kind of chair, even including floor cushions or pillows. Many of the donated items will

be older chairs that have been repainted, repolished, or otherwise refurbished with a unique touch and given new life. If you have a creative flair and have a castaway chair in your barn or garage, please contact one of the persons listed below to make arrangements for your donation.

The deadline for decorating

Band Day BBQ ticket sales underway

The Elba High School Band Boosters will hold its annual Band Day on Saturday, April 6, in downtown Elba in an effort to raise money to supplement the music program at Elba High School and to fund activities for the band.

Currently, barbecue tickets are being sold by any band member and at Whitman Drugs in Elba. Those who purchase a ticket for a barbecue plate will be able to pick up the plate on Saturday, April 6, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Elba

chair will be Monday, March 11th. The completed chairs will be on display at The Peoples Bank and SouthTrust Bank beginning on Monday, March 18th. Interested persons will be able to bid on each chair by placing his or her bid on a form which will be attached to the chair.

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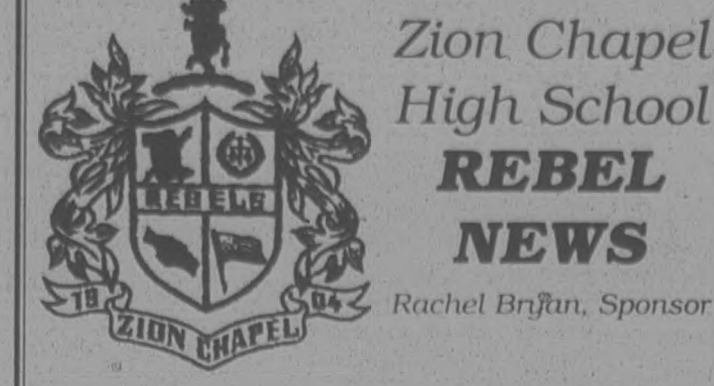
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SCHOOLS

Zion Chapel students attend SAFE Center classes



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Rachel Brjtn, Sponsor

Rebel baseball players expect a good season

by Brandon Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebel Varsity baseball season is underway.

Though the 2002 Rebels are very young, they will have experience in almost every position and will look to compete every time they hit the field. The Rebels return all but one starter from last year's team. When asked about the upcoming season, Coach Donaldson said, "We have been practicing since January 21 and the boys have worked hard. They have displayed a lot of enthusiasm and we are optimistic about the

upcoming season. I invite everyone in the community to come see some good baseball and support these kids."

The Rebels should have plenty of chances to grab some wins, with a schedule of 18 games and 2 tournaments. The roster for the Zion Chapel Rebels includes David Calhoun, Brandon Arnold, Sam Wambles, Chris Summerlin, Michael Rayburn, Jarred Flowers, Seth Legg, Wesley Grant, Jonah McWaters, Macon Hodge, Brad Cotton, Andy Kelley, Jamie White, Jason Danley, Josh Smith, Austin Smith, T.J. Winters and Zach Legg.

Recently in THE ELBA CLIPPER, there was an article about the SAFE Center operated by the Coffee County Board of Education.

Zion Chapel has 11 students who attend classes at the Center. Some of them attend as many as three nights and have established an excellent attendance record.

Karen Luckenbaugh takes Social Studies on Tuesday night and English on Thursday night. She moved to Zion Chapel from a school that was on the block system and the move caused her to be behind 1/2 credit in both of these subjects. She said that if it were not for the SAFE Center classes, she would be attending summer school. She was asked if attending night classes created any special problems. She said, "I don't think it really creates a problem, I just don't have as much free time as I did before I started going to the SAFE Center."

Kindale Register takes

Science on Monday night and Social Studies on Tuesday night. She is making up 1/2 credit in both of these subjects because she said she didn't work hard enough the first semester. She added that she would recommend courses at the SAFE Center for other people because it is helping her with her work. She is becoming a more focused student. When asked about problems created by attending night classes, she said, "I don't get enough sleep. I sleep later in the mornings and my mom takes me to school instead of my having to ride the bus."

Emily Clements takes Science on Monday night. She is making up a 1/2 credit in Biology that she missed the first semester. She said that the biggest problem she had attending a night class is having less time for her homework, but she says she is dealing with the problem the best she can. She does recommend the SAFE Center.

for persons who need to make up work.

Mrs. Mary Herbert (Math), Mrs. Lori McCrory (Math), Mrs. Jackie Bright (Science), Mrs. Lisa Duebelt (English) and Mrs. Rachel Bryan (Social Studies) are the Zion Chapel teachers on the staff at the SAFE

Center. There are also teachers from other schools in the county.

Mrs. Lori McCrory said, "I think that the SAFE Center is an excellent opportunity for those students needing to make up a credit."



Emily Clements, Karen Luckenbaugh and Kindale Register are among the ZC students attending classes at SAFE Center.

Coffee County Schools Menu Mar. 11 - 15, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday Corned Beef, Barbecue Sandwich, Colelaw, Baked Beans, Cookie, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Grilled Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday Fish Nuggets, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn on Cob, English Peas, Fruit, Hushpuppies, Milk
Wednesday - Fruit Pastry, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Burrito, Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Spanish Rice, Dill Spears, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Country Fried Steak or Pork Roast w/ Gravy, Butter Beans, Rice, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Koli, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Turkey Sandwich, Hamburger, Lettuce, Pickle Slices, Cheese Slice, Buttered Carrots, Onion Rings, Milk

* ZCMS NEWS *

by Perry Cauten

***On Friday, March 8, several seventh grade students will be going to Eastdale Mall in Montgomery for a skating trip. Only those students that have maintained a perfect attendance record will be making the field trip. The next week the sixth and seventh grade will be celebrating Aerospace Week. They will be participating in a rocket contest and space poster contest. Winners will be announced on Thursday, March 7.

***Ms. Wanda Corley's seventh grade reading class will begin an in-depth reading and discussion of the trade book, Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl. This trade book is listed in the Alabama Course of Study: English Language Arts for middle school students. Students will begin this unit on April 1 after returning from the Spring Intercession. Each student is required to pay \$5 for the purchase of the book and a journal by March 5. Both the journal and the book will be theirs to keep at the end of the unit. If there are questions or comments, please call Ms. Wanda Corley at Zion Chapel High School.

ZC sixth graders go on field trip

by Brandon Arnold

The sixth grade from Zion Chapel Middle School took a field trip on February 22, 2002.

They traveled by bus to the Florida Caverns State Park, home of some famous sites such as Mammoth Cave and Carlsbad Cavern. They were accompanied by their sixth grade teachers, Mrs. Verna Mozzo and Mrs. Sharon Sasser.

The students studied stalactites, stalagmites, columns, rimstone pools, flowstones and draperies.

These fragile formations are composed of calcite, a mineral

dissolved from limestone rock when surface water containing natural acids percolates into the caves. As the mineral-charged water encounters the air inside the caves and evaporates, layers of calcite are deposited. The creation of these stunning formations often requires ten of thousands of years, and even the slightest disturbance can destroy these delicate natural wonders.

The endangered gray bat, found in some caves, is vulnerable to disturbance. If awakened during the winter months, hibernating bats expend valuable energy which they need for survival.

Public speaking unit conducted at ZCMS

Informative and Oratorical are the two categories for the public speaking unit conducted by Mrs. Sharon Sasser, Mrs. Verna Mozzo and Mrs. Dedra Henson for their middle school students.

An informative speech is given with the general purpose of educating or informing the audience beyond what they presently know to help them learn a specific skill. These speeches are generally a simple type of speech to write and present, utilizing a more natural style and more conversational language. Informative speeches are based on fact and not on emotion or opinion.

An oratorical speech is given with the general purpose of inspiring, motivating or stimulating a certain kind of thinking or behavior on the part of the audience. Oratory is an emotional appeal that represents the speaker's personal beliefs about a particular issue. It is based on feelings rather than facts. The delivery for this kind of speech differs from informative speeches in that the expression and tone are more dramatic, powerful, and emotionally charged. Oratorical speakers utilize body language to a greater degree, and often their movements are more exaggerated than informative speeches. Orations are written a little less naturally and in more formal language than informational speeches.

The guidelines for the two types of speeches taught in the unit come from information

printed by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The winners of the speech contest, a part of the unit, will be invited to participate in the 4-H Club Speaking Contest. 4-H Club is a part of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The county competition will be March 12 at the New Brockton High School Auditorium.

The speech contest was held in the classes taught by Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Sasser, and Mrs. Mozzo.

First place winners in the informative category were Joey Mancill, Caitlin White, Stephanie McWaters, and Brittany Diskmukes; Second place winner were Jeremy Sneed, Logan Carley, and Summer Parker; Third place winners were Toni Tolbert, Jon Fuller, and Nikki Stewart.

First place winners in the oratorical category were Brooke Stinson, Tindol Long, Tara Gibson, and Jessie Carroll; Second place winners were Rebecca Thompson, Jonas Simmons, and Chelsea Flowers; Third place winners were Cassandra Cole, Stephanie Berry, and Jonathan Henley.

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FBLA News

Middle Level

Lindsay Leverett, Rosanna Johnson, Christina McWaters, Lashonda Cole, Shawn Ellis, Cauten, Sam Wambles, and Donovan Kelley will compete in Entrepreneurship.

Asheley Wallace and Jeremy Hoopes will compete in Desktop Publishing. Kristen McClendon, Jason Sanders, Meta Gatlin, Michael Sneed, Jeremy Sanders, and Katy Paez will compete in Parliamentary Procedure. These are the team competitors.

Competing in individual events are Ashley Wambles, Accounting I, Kassey Rhodes, Accounting II, Jason Danley, Business Law, Jonah Edmondson, Computer Concepts, Melissa Taylor, Economics, Roy King, FBLA Principles and Procedures, Jessica Flowers, Future Business Leader, Future Golden Job Interview, Lee Boutwell, Introduction to Business, Shannon Allen, Introduction to Business Communications, Allan Harrison, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, and Amanda Perry, Business Communications.

At the senior level, those who finish in the top six at the Region Competition will compete at the Alabama FBLA State Conference on April 11-12 in Birmingham.

as Middle Level members. Twenty-four of them will compete.

Brandon Arnold, Perry Cauten, Sam Wambles, and Donovan Kelley will compete in Entrepreneurship.

Asheley Wallace and Jeremy Hoopes will compete in Desktop Publishing. Kristen McClendon, Jason Sanders, Meta Gatlin, Michael Sneed, Jeremy Sanders, and Katy Paez will compete in Parliamentary Procedure. These are the team competitors.

Competing in individual events are Ashley Wambles, Accounting I, Kassey Rhodes, Accounting II, Jason Danley, Business Law, Jonah Edmondson, Computer Concepts, Melissa Taylor, Economics, Roy King, FBLA Principles and Procedures, Jessica Flowers, Future Business Leader, Future Golden Job Interview, Lee Boutwell, Introduction to Business, Shannon Allen, Introduction to Business Communications, Allan Harrison, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, and Amanda Perry, Business Communications.

At the senior level, those who finish in the top six at the Region Competition will compete at the Alabama FBLA State Conference on April 11-12 in Birmingham.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2002 Miss Elba queens crowned Saturday, March 2



MISS ELBA...The winner and runners-up were (from left): First runner up - Anna Anderson; 2002 Miss Elba - Shay Johnson; and Second runner up - Ashley Harrelson.



JUNIOR MISS ELBA...The winner and runners-up were (from left): Second runner up - Lauren McClung; 2002 Junior Miss Elba - Lyndsay Lawford; and First runner up - Blake Brunson.



LITTLE MISS ELBA...The winner and runners-up were (from left): Second runner up - Mandi Mallory; First runner up - Meagan Concanon; 2002 Little Miss Elba - Brinley Williams; and 3rd runner up - Jasmine Walker.



FUTURE LITTLE MISS ELBA...The winner and runners-up were (from left): First runner up - Kaelyn Fillingim; 2002 Future Little Miss Elba - Sarah Bryan; and Second runner up - Alex Dawson.

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walk indoors. Also, Dr. Scott Hansen will be at the Elba Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, March 14, to talk about weight management.

This health initiative "A New You in '02" coincides with Walk Alabama where teams of

eight are encouraged to walk up to 850 miles during the eight week period. The idea behind this program is to get people walking, losing weight and feeling better.

Those interested in either forming or joining a team in Elba should call Kave Whitworth at the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

The health initiative kickoff challenge will be held Monday, March 11, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

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Dawson, 2nd place - Arielle
Makayla Lowry.

Future Little Miss Jack
Sweetheart: Queen - Kristian
Faith Dewberry, 1st place -
Maddie Brooke Bedsole, 2nd
place - Madison Renee Grissett.

Little Miss Jack Sweetheart:
Queen - Taylor Nicole Faulkner,
1st place - Leah Kristen
Donaldson, 2nd place - Candace
Nicole Kelley.

Young Miss Jack Sweetheart:
Queen - Kristen Karol Collins,
1st place - Erika Suzanne
Mount, 2nd place - Amber

LaShae Grissett.
Miss Jack Sweetheart: Queen -
Davanna Victoria Parker, 1st
place - Erica Danielle Lewis,
2nd place - Hannah Manning.

**Baldauf completes
basic training with
Air Force in Texas**

Air Force Airman Shawn D.
Baldauf has graduated from
basic military training at
Lackland Air Force Base, San
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During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that softball season has started for both the girls it seems like we are always looking for something to cook that is easy to make, tastes good and can be ready in a matter of minutes. The newest craze in the Mularz house is chicken tenders, which can be kept in the freezer until they are placed in the Fry Daddy, and are ready in only minutes. I know that fried foods aren't always the healthiest foods to be found, but they are just as good as sandwiches and even the girls don't mind doing the cooking. Oh yea, if you want to give them a try, the best are from Elba's own Kelley Foods, of course!

DIGGING THROUGH MY NOTES....

*** Elba's Gavin Mauldin signed a football scholarship last week with Tusculum College, of Tennessee, and after talking with Elba Tiger head coach Mike Waters I am convinced that the Division 2 college will be a great place for the Tiger standout to continue his career. A lot of bigger colleges showed some interest in the 6-6, 300-pound lineman, but they wanted him to walk on and earn a spot on the roster before offering him any kind of scholarship. Their loss was Tusculum's gain, and there is no doubt the Elba senior will move on to the college ranks and be a force to be reckoned with throughout his career. It is a shame that Gavin won't play close enough to Elba to allow his many friends and fans the chance to watch him play on a weekly basis. However, he is at a school that wanted him, and that will make a difference as he continues his college career, on and off the field. Good luck!

*** The cold weather has taken its toll on the preseason workouts for both the Elba Tigers and Elba Lady Tigers, but both teams are scheduled to swing into action this week and expectations are high in both baseball and softball. The Tigers return their team almost intact from a year ago and are anxious to get the season started, while the Lady Tigers are more than ready to hit the field for their first season ever in fast-pitch softball. Both teams have a long and busy season ahead, and I urge all Elba sports fans to come out and watch the home games and give the players the support they so richly deserve. See ya there.

*** The high school basketball season ended last week with the State Tournament, in Birmingham, and it was a successful season for a number of area teams. The Pleasant Home Eagles claimed their second straight state championship in Class 1A, and with only one senior in the starting line-up, the Eagles could very well have their sites set on another title. Pleasant Home doesn't scare anyone when they take the court for warm-ups, but when the game starts the Eagles are almost always in charge and are truly one of the great success stories in the history of Alabama high school basketball. Barbour County had their girls and boys teams in the state tournament field, but both teams lost their opening games and saw their title hopes dashed. Next season Barbour County will make the move to Class 3A and will be in the same section with 2001 state 3A champ Calhoun, 2002 4A state champ Central, of Hayneville, and Pike County. It will be interesting to see how Barbour County does once it makes the jump. T.R. Miller's Lady Tigers closed out a 29-2 season by taking home the state crown in Class 4A. The Lady Tigers defeated 2001 champion Andalusia four times along the way to the crown, and disposed of 34-2 Deshler in the finals. Dothan made it to the state finals in Class 6A, but missed four free-throws late in the game and watched as LeFlore scored late to steal the 6A title. Dothan was looking for its first title in over 45 years and could have very easily brought it home. It was a fun season for the new teams in basketball, and with the changes in sections ahead for next season, it looks like even more fun in the 2002-2003 season.

*** In closing....the college basketball family lost one of its more successful and colorful coaches last week when Arkansas bought out the contract of Coach Nolan Richardson. Coach Richardson had been the winningest coach ever for the Razorbacks for years, but lost his composure at a press conference early in the week and never seemed to find a way to apologize, or even explain his fiery remarks. There is no doubt that the stress that goes along with college coaching takes its toll over the course of a season, much less a career, and I guess it reached its climax for Coach Richardson.

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Tiger standout to continue career

Elba's Mauldin signs with Tusculum College

Elba Tiger football standout Gavin Mauldin made it official last week that he would continue his career in the collegiate ranks when he signed a football scholarship with Tusculum College, in Greeneville, Tennessee.

"There is no doubt a lot of colleges missed out by not signing Gavin," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "He has the grades, the determination and the desire to be the best in all he does, and there is no doubt he will be a dominating force in college football. He improved tremendously over his years in high school and was probably the top offensive lineman around by the end of his senior season. The coaches at Tusculum were up front from the start and made it clear that Gavin was a player they wanted to sign. I think it will be a good fit for him and know he will make all of us here in Elba proud."

Mauldin, a 6-6, 300-pound offensive tackle, was named to the "Wiregrass Super 12" by The Dothan Eagle and was named a first team "All-State" performer by the Alabama Sports Writers Association. He was a three-year starter for the Elba Tigers and helped lead the Tigers into the second round of the state playoff in 2001. He started at both offensive and defensive tackle, and was a standout on both sides of the ball.

Meeting set for March 10 to form church co-ed softball league

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, for anyone wanting to enter a team in a "Church Co-Ed" softball league this spring, in Elba. The league would consist of church teams only, with five men and five women being

Umpires needed for upcoming baseball and softball seasons

Men and women ages 18 and over are needed to umpire youth baseball and softball games this spring in Elba. The youth seasons are scheduled to begin on April 1 and continue through June, with games to be played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Benefit golf tourney set in Dothan

The third annual Five Star Credit Union - Ladies Golf Classic and Art Auction is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the Dothan National Golf Club, located on Highway 231 South, in Dothan.

Tee-time is 8:00 AM, and the tournament will be a two-person scramble with team handicaps.



Due to the high probability of severe weather on Saturday, the Rattler 125 has been postponed until March 23. South Alabama Speedway will open its racing season on Saturday, March 16 with heats and features for local classes. For more information contact the South Alabama Speedway by phone or over the net.

ESJC indoor pool is open for swimming

Tune up with non-impact exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming. Participants have the opportunity to maintain fitness through swimming in the College's indoor pool during select times set aside just for them. This spring semester the pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week. The fee for individual participants is \$40.00 and \$55.00 for families. There is no registration deadline; participants may sign up at any time during the semester. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.



MAULDIN SIGNS SCHOLARSHIP...Elba Tiger football standout Gavin Mauldin (seated, middle) signed a football scholarship to attend Tusculum College at ceremonies last week at Elba High School. Also pictured at the signing were (seated, l-r) Jeff Mauldin, Gavin Mauldin, Teresa Mauldin. (Standing, l-r) Elba Tiger head football coach Mike Waters and Elba High School principal Mike Williams.

"With Gavin's size, strength and work habits I was convinced he was a Division I prospect," added Coach Waters. "I guess the bigger schools all play the numbers game and go after the blue chip athletes. However, I am convinced in a couple of years there will be a

2nd round, the best record in school history, and closed out the year ranked 21st in the nation."

The Pioneers are coached by Frankie DeBusk, who became the head coach in 1998, and has led the team to 17 wins during his three years at the helm.

of colleges, especially here in Alabama, that wish they had signed him when they had the chance."

Tusculum College is a Division II college and is a member of the South Atlantic Conference. The Pioneers finished the 2001 season with an 8-

2 record.

According to Coleman, post-season scouting differs from pre-season scouting because one does not have to be concerned with pressuring deer because the season is many months away. "Also, all the leaves are gone in February and even the slightest trail can be easily seen. Leaves falling daily cover many trails in the hardwoods during pre-season scouting," said Coleman.

Coleman says it's important to use topo maps or rough sketches of the area to make notes. "I draw trails and bedding areas in red on a topo map, and mark the feeding areas in blue. I begin by following trails out of feeding areas such as corn, soybean or wheat fields to bedding areas. I pay special attention to the secondary trails that parallel or intersect major trails. Older bucks often use these trails during the rut. These old boys will hang back a distance from major trails as they wait for approaching does. Once I find a spot like this, I mark it with a big X on my map and I will set up right there on opening day," said Coleman.

"Rubs and scrapes, and natural or man-made funnel areas are also noted on Coleman's map during his post-season scouting. "Just like feeding areas and trails, if a particular area is loaded with rubs and scrapes this year, it's a good chance it will be next year. The same stream or fence crossings. I especially look for fence crossings. Deer are just like people and will take the path of least resistance. They will walk a considerable distance to find a hole or break in a wire fence. This is one of my favorite setup sites," added Coleman.

Coleman points out that post-season scouting is not a replacement for pre-season scouting, but it can reduce the time required for pre-season scouting, and as Coleman says, "It's just plain fun."

A.H.S.A.A. crowns state champs at high school tournament

Following are complete tournament results from last week's Alabama High School Athletic Association State Basketball Tournament, held in Birmingham:

CLASS 1A (Boys)
Opening Round:
Akron 63 Talladega Central 39
Pleasant Home 55 Hazlewood 42
Championship:
Pleasant Home 61 Akron 51 (Girls)
Opening Round:
Spring Garden 49 Carrollton 41
Belgreen 73 Notasulga 50
Championship:
Belgreen 68 Spring Garden 53

CLASS 2A (Boys)
Opening Round:
Calera 65 Geraldine 61
Holy Family 71 Barbour County 66
Championship:
Holy Family 62 Calera 59 (Girls)
Opening Round:
Gaston 66 McIntosh 62
Hanton 76 Barbour County 63
Championship:
Hanton 65 Gaston 51

CLASS 3A (Boys)
Opening Round:
Litchfield 68 Washington County 46
Lafayette 64 Colbert County 60
Championship:
Lafayette 75 Litchfield 60 (Girls)
Opening Round:
Sylvania 54 Springfield 35
Lauderdale County 82 Catholic

CLASS 4A (Boys)
Opening Round:
Aniston 74 Blount 64
Russellville 59 Stanhope Elmore 40
Championship:
Aniston 74 Russellville 58 (Girls)
Opening Round:
Boaz 58 Williamson 43
Athens 84 B.T. Washington 48
Championship:
Athens 66 Boaz 61

CLASS 5A (Boys)
Opening Round:
Aniston 74 Blount 64
Russellville 59 Stanhope Elmore 40
Championship:
Aniston 74 Russellville 58 (Girls)
Opening Round:
Boaz 58 Williamson 43
Athens 84 B.T. Washington 48
Championship:
Athens 66 Boaz 61

CLASS 6A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 7A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 8A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 9A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 10A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 11A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 12A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 13A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 14A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 15A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 16A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 17A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 18A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 19A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 20A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 21A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 22A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 23A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 24A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
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Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
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Championship:
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CLASS 25A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 26A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 27A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 28A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 29A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 30A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 31A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 32A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 33A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 34A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
Sparkman 58 LeFlore 54

CLASS 35A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
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CLASS 36A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
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CLASS 37A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
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Championship:
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Opening Round:
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CLASS 38A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
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Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
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Championship:
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CLASS 39A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 40A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
Dothan 46 Austin 44
Championship:
LeFlore 58 Dothan 57 (Girls)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 43 Wenonah 41
Sparkman 54 Jeff Davis 49
Championship:
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CLASS 41A (Boys)
Opening Round:
LeFlore 71 West End 61
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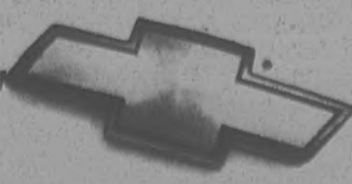
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Zion Chapel receives \$70,000 check to complete "field of dreams"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Zion Chapel Schools took a giant step forward last Friday, Mar. 8, in realizing the dream of one day having the home field advantage when it comes to baseball and softball as the "field of dreams" project received a boost.

County Commissioner Linda Westbrook, State Representative Terry Spicer and State Senator Jimmy Holley visited the county school with a check in hand to present to Coffee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram. The \$70,000 check will provide the needed funds to help the school system complete the construction of a ball field on the Zion Chapel School complex.

Charles Walker, county board of education member, said he could remember back to a few years ago when Dr. Ingram was principal at Zion Chapel, and she had the idea of clearing the area of an old pond to build a ball field for the Zion Chapel students.

"The pond was a spring-filled

pond," said Ingram. "With the help of the county commission and parents of our students, we were able to get where we are today."

Although there have been issues to overcome such as erosion troubles and funding, Westbrook said Ingram never gave up on the idea of having a ball field at Zion Chapel. Also, she said parents continued to call time and time again asking her to help the children at Zion Chapel.

"Now, we really do have a field of dreams here at Zion Chapel," said Westbrook.

Originally, the school system had hoped the field would be ready for play by this season; however, because of the above mentioned troubles along with a desire to build a quality facility, the project was delayed. Last Friday, Ingram told the large crowd at the Zion Chapel gymnasium that the field should be ready by next season.

Also, she took time to thank Elba Recreation director Ricky Mularz and the City of Elba for allowing the Zion Chapel stu-

dents to use the fields in Elba over the past several years. She said the school system will forever be grateful to Mularz and the City of Elba because it was their generosity that allowed Zion Chapel to continue its baseball and softball programs.

"Donna Arnold (a parent of the Zion Chapel System), brought my attention to a need at Zion Chapel," said Spicer. "From that point, we started our mission."

He said the most rewarding thing about being in the House of Representatives is being able to help people. In this particular case, Spicer said the politicians were able to put the money where their mouths were and help the students of Zion Chapel attain their "field of dreams."

Walker said he appreciates the efforts of Westbrook, Spicer and Holley in helping Zion Chapel get a ball field that the students and people of the Zion Chapel community can call their own.

"Memories of a lifetime will be created as a result of the ball field being built here at Zion Chapel," Holley said.

During regular bimonthly meeting

Commissioners express concern over jail flooding

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners sought answers Monday morning, March 11, to the continued flooding troubles at the Coffee County Jail from a hot water heater.

Parts of the jail flooded Thursday evening, Feb. 28, after a problem occurred with the hot water heater which is located in the ceiling of the facility. "I'm sick and tired of the water problem at the jail," said Commissioner Jim Thompson.

He said he wasn't blaming anyone for the continued water problems at the jail. However, he said he has a concern because the county is considering spending approximately \$100,000 for an upgraded security system, and equipment continues to be destroyed because of a lingering water problem.

The county's maintenance supervisor, Phil Rugg, told commissioners that he feels the problem has been taken care of with the installation of a safety valve. He said the hot water heater already had two safety

valves, but a third was added to help control the water flow.

Also, Rugg said a cut off valve has been placed outside the jail facility which will allow employees of the jail to cut the water off immediately if a problem is detected.

County administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that the damage was estimated at approximately \$10,000 from the incident.

"There was more water flow this time but less physical property damage," Mobley said.

Commissioner Robert Stephens echoed the concerns of Thompson and said he felt something should be done about the situation.

With that said, Stephens made a motion with a second from Thompson to have someone investigate what it would cost to have the hot water heater relocated to another location. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Stephens presented the commission with an offer from the Corp of Engineers to purchase a building and property in Elba. He said the building which is

used as a storage building for the maintenance department is located in a spot that the Corp of Engineers will need when it begins the reconstruction of the levee in Elba.

Therefore, Stephens made a motion with a second that the commission accept the \$9,000 offered by the Corp of Engineers, deed the property to the Corp and build a new storage building in front of the old location with the size of the building based on the amount of money paid to the commission.

"It's flooded there (Elba) three times," said Thompson. "Can't we build it somewhere else?"

Stephens responded by saying that once the levee is reconstructed, it is the opinion of Corp officials that the flooding will be stopped.

Commissioner Doug Dabryle said he didn't understand why the building couldn't be built on the county grounds in New Brockton, therefore he made a motion to amend

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During a special assembly at the Zion Chapel High School gymnasium last Friday, Mar. 8, Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Commissioner Linda Westbrook threw out the first pitches in honor of the new ball field being built at Zion Chapel. The three officials were thanked by teachers, students, parents, coaches, board members and the school's superintendent for their efforts in helping Zion Chapel attain its "field of dreams." Above, Holley and Spicer are being presented signed softballs by a Zion Chapel student.

DeVane announces candidacy for Coffee County Sheriff

Wesley DeVane, a lifelong resident of Coffee County for 37 years, announced this week he will be a Republican candidate for Sheriff of Coffee County in the 2002 election.

DeVane said his decision to enter this race was based on his refusal to sit on the sidelines watching as crime continues to jeopardize the safety and welfare of every citizen in Coffee County, both young and old alike.

He said he now has six years of supervisory and administrative experience as the transportation supervisor with Elba City Schools that he did not previously have. Combined with eight years of military experience, as well as, eight years of law enforcement experience, DeVane said he feels confident he can provide the kind of strong leadership the citizens of Coffee County deserve from this office.

DeVane said he will improve the services of the department by putting the sheriff's office more in tune with the needs and

concerns of the citizens in each community.

"I will make more efficient use of the department's personnel, resources and equipment in order to get deputies closer to the people," he said.

"Some other areas of concern are: lagging response times to citizen's calls, lack of regular community patrols, slow civil process service and improvements in jail management."

DeVane said although the current administration has been in office for nearly eight years working without a policy and procedures manual, he will stress the importance of developing some guidelines used to govern the daily operations of the department.

"It is nearly impossible to manage personnel and hold

them accountable for their actions without first establishing some rules and regulations," he said. "I plan to establish a chain of command to allow for proper supervision of personnel as well as arrange the county into patrol districts to provide a more efficient coverage with quicker response times to calls."

DeVane said he still believes law enforcement officers have to get respect the old-fashioned way. They must earn it from the citizens they serve.

"If honesty and integrity still has a place in public office today, I ask for your vote and support as I seek to become the one you elect to serve as your next Sheriff of Coffee County," he said.

Further campaign information is available by logging on to DeVane's official website at www.devaneforsheriff.com.

Wesley DeVane



NEW CLOTHING STORE...Elba officially became home to a new clothing shop Sunday, Mar. 10, as a grand opening celebration was held for Nissee's Closet. The clothing store is located in the building with Denise's Hair and Nail Salon and offers a wide variety of clothing, jewelry and handbags. The Elba Chamber of Commerce helped owner Denise Sauls celebrate the opening of the clothing store last Sunday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left to right): Jimmy Harrison; Miss Elba Shay Johnson; Little Miss Elba Bradley Williams; Doris Matthews; Rene Lambert; Melissa Fillingim; Mary McMillan; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Stevie Sauls; Chase Sauls; Denise Sauls; Future Little Miss Elba Sarah Bryan; Diane Smith; Jr. Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford; Leigh Johnson; Destiny Hudson; and Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Area Happenings

ZION CHAPEL PTO The Zion Chapel PTO will meet Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium concerning the safety of the children. Everyone is asked to attend.

EES REGISTRATION Elba Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, 2002.

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE The Men's Ministry of Westside Baptist Church will host the annual community-wide Men's Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31, at 6 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Harrison, interim pastor of Westside, giving the message. Following the Sunrise Service the men of Westside will serve breakfast in the Activities Building.

BOOK DRIVE The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library program of at-risk schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and 22 Express. The book drive will continue through March.

NEWS BRIEF

Mark R. Fuller, District Attorney, announced last week that the Workless Check Round-up for the 11th Judicial Circuit held on Feb. 26 was successful.

Although the round-up was successful, Fuller said there are still outstanding warrants of arrest in individuals who have not paid their workless checks or made arrangements for their payment. He wanted to encourage anyone with outstanding workless checks to contact the Workless Check Unit to avoid arrest and possible additional court costs.